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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMO: JACKSON HEARINGS ON SOVIET GRAIN
SALES

FROM EB - JULIUS L. KATZ, ACTING

1. IN A LETTER TO ME DATED JULY 30, SENATOR JACKSON HAS
REQUESTED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY MINUTES OF MEETINGS
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND OTHER EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPRESENTA-
TIVES BETWEEN MAY 1, 1975 AND PRESENT CONCERNING GRAIN
SALES TO SOVIET UNION. IN ADDITION, HE HAS ASKED FOR
FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

....(A) A MAY 23 MEMCON CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN
MYSELF AND SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS PRIMARILY CONCERNING
INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES, BUT INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF
SOVIET GRAIN BUYING INTENTIONS.

.... (B) A MARCH 14 UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM MOSCOW TO
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COMMERCE REPORTING SOVIET INTENTIONS TO EXPAND GRAIN

STORAGE CAPACITY.

....(C) A MARCH 6, 1975 NODIS CABLE FROM SONNENFELDT
TO YOU AT LONDON REPORTING INTENTION ANNOUNCE TERMINATION
PRIOR APPROVAL SYSTEM AND FURTHER SALE OF CORN TO USSR.

2. SIMILAR LETTERS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO PARSKY AND
TO BELL OF AGRICULTURE ASKING FOR MINUTES OF INTERDEPART-
MENTAL MEETINGS, BUT NO SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS.

3. AT MEETING IN SEIDMAN'S OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON, IT WAS
AGREED THAT ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT RESPOND TO LETTERS,
BUT THAT ROD HILLS, WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL, SHOULD DISCUSS
MATTER WITH CHIEF COUNSEL OF JACKSON'S SUBCOMMITTEE
TAKING POSITION WE ARE NOT PREPARED MAKE AVAILABLE MEMOS
TO PRESIDENT OR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING THERETO, E.G.
MINUTES OF EPB MEETINGS, NOR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.
PENDING FURTHER ADVICE FROM HILLS, I AM NOT RESPONDING TO
JACKSON LETTER.

4. EAGLEBURGER COMMENT: EVEN SHOULD THE WHITE HOUSE
LATER DECIDE THAT IT IS PREPARED TO RELEASE ALL OR SOME
DOCUMENTS UNDER ITS CONTROL TO JACKSON, I BELIEVE
STRONGLY THAT STATE SHOULD REFUSE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
TO RELEASE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE OR TELEGRAPHIC
TRAFFIC IN THE EXDIS AND NODIS CATEGORY. I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT STATE WILL RELEASE NOTHING REPEAT NOTHING UNTIL
YOU RETURN. INGERSOLL

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